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Abstract: The Bookster project is actually a project of large companies, at a national level, through which certain categories of readers borrow books from a virtual library and take care to return them on time.

Digital platforms make learning accessible and complement the curriculum within the HUB library for students of the “Lucian Blaga” National College in Sebes.

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"Education, Culture and Technology transform people's thinking and attitudes. Misunderstanding concepts and terms leads to superficial learning." (Marin Vlada)

Lifelong learning refers to early childhood education, pre-university education, higher education, adult education and continuing training. It is a continuous process of flexible learning opportunities and skills acquired in formal institutions with the development of skills in non-formal and informal contexts, especially in the workplace.

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This means a concept of continuous learning anytime, anywhere. Demographics and migration support the need to expand opportunities for lifelong learning in our country.

In Romania, participation in adult education and training is low. In the labor market, employees do not always have access to information about training opportunities. Programs to support lifelong learning have not benefited from coordination and stakeholders have interacted more within projects.

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Our country faces challenges regarding early school leaving and low quality of education. The availability of skills on the labor market has been negatively affected by the mass emigration of qualified labor. Romania remains an unequal society with segregation on the labor market in urban and rural areas.

School libraries support the educational process, the act of learning. In the city of Sebeș there are four general schools and three high schools, each with a school library. There is also the Public Library, which serves the general public in the city.

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In teaching, the role of digital platforms is to facilitate access to information, to develop digital skills, to transform the teacher into a facilitator of learning. Digital platforms are real challenges for advanced learners. They also increase motivation, curiosity and student engagement. Critical thinking and creativity are stimulated. The teacher becomes the creator of learning experiences.

Hybrid learning combines traditional and digital methods.

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Since the fall of 2024(two thousand twenty four) , our College has joined the Bookster project, a project that also supports students and teachers. The motivation of those who made this service available is a social one, with the aim of encouraging people to read. Through this project, anyone can borrow books for free. Companies pay a subscription for the recommendation and delivery service. Romanian and foreign authors can be found on the bookster platform. The books made available are novels, personal development books.

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How do you decide what you want to read? All the books are listed on the platform and you can add the books you want to borrow to your wishlist. The loan period is 30 days, but if you want, you can extend the period by another month. This way of borrowing books also disciplines you. To borrow books, you must first create an account with an email and password. Bookster also comes to the aid of libraries that do not receive funds to purchase books. The book can arrive in a week or more. Upon ordering, you receive a message with the date on which your book will arrive, and upon receiving the book, a label is attached to the back cover containing the name of the beneficiary, the institution it belongs to and the date on which the book must be returned.

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In December 2024 (two thousand twenty four), the bookster team launched a contest called “the village of stories”. The team sent us several cards that had to be assembled in the shape of houses, trees and trains and then each “participating class organized a village. We were allowed to add other decorations, we added a Santa Claus, a Christmas tree, artificial candles, globes. In the end, two classes won the contest. They were awarded phone holders and trolley labels as prizes.

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On October 6, 2025 (two thousand twenty five), the “Lucian Blaga” National College in Sebeş was visited by the ladies who are part of the bookster team and was declared number 1 in the county. The team was delighted with the way the bookster project is managed within the College.

The bookster project supports students and teachers with titles, authors and articles. Their work is simplified because they can order any book, quickly and easily. From readings from the school bibliography to leisure reading, this project makes reading possible.

The bookster motto is ” read`n roll”.

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In December 2025 (two thousand twenty five), bookster launched another activity. Students from primary and secondary schools were invited to donate books to schools without libraries. Once again we joined this action, and the results were amazing.

The Lucian Blaga College Library in Sebeş has become a true HUB for students and teachers. With the right technology, books are closer to us and reading is part of our daily routine. This project has helped us make new acquaintances, gain readers, especially among students. Students are more motivated and creative. A balance between professional and personal life is also maintained. At the same time, students save money. The library is the space where reading is promoted, and everything is done in an organized way. This project disciplines readers, because they must respect the loan and return deadlines for books.

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In the era of digitalization, promoting compulsory literary works at the high school level requires innovative teaching approaches. The use of Canva and AI Gemini applications are powerful tools that transform students' perception of literature, making it more interesting. They lead to the cultivation of critical thinking, to the stimulation of creativity, The applications allow the student to integrate the literary work into contemporary visual and digital culture. Students are no longer required to write a classic essay, but a "visual diary of the character". The role of reading is transformed from finding out what is happening to finding evidence to support an idea. The teacher can also use Book Creator to encourage the creation of an "Illustrated Reading Diary".

Access to digital platforms contributes to educating students and reducing school dropout.

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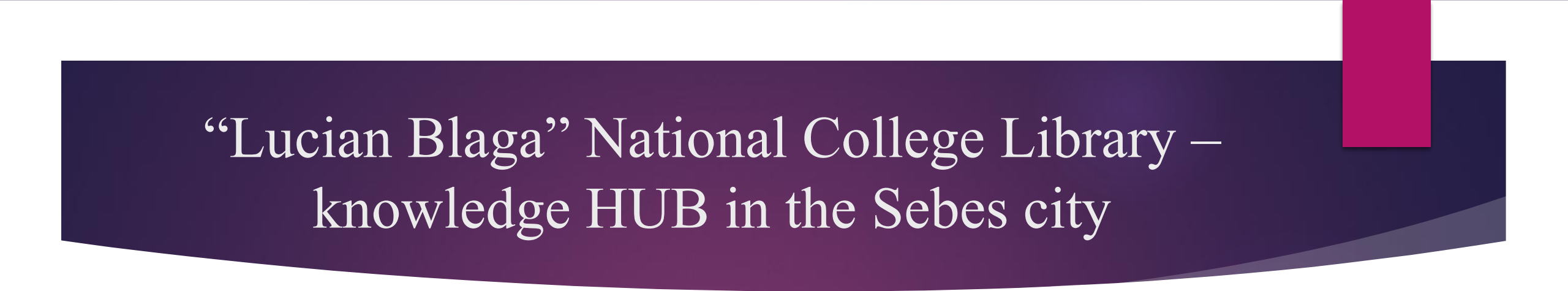
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